



California Outcomes Measurement System Newsletter

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This Month:

- CADPAAC Meeting, May 26th – 28th

Next Month:

- Treatment Sub-Workgroup Meeting, June 16th
- Implementation Workgroup Meeting June 25th

CalOMS Communications

ADP is looking for ways to facilitate the exchange of ideas, concerns, and information related to the CalOMS project between the State, California counties, prevention and treatment providers, and other external stakeholders. This newsletter is one such effort. In addition ADP staff is working on the following other communication instruments and support tools:

- Updated county, provider, and external stakeholder contact information;
- A weB Log (BLOG) for posting information on CalOMS by members; and
- A presentation and accompanying brochure that introduces CalOMS to its audience.

Frequently Asked Questions

ADP posts FAQs on the CalOMS site, at <http://www.adp.ca.gov/CalOMS/CalOMSmmain.shtml>. Currently FAQs include the following topics:

- What treatment data will be collected from adolescents?
- Can the Department of Mental Health (DMH) and ADP align treatment related questions to decrease the amount of questions asked by providers?
- Should the State Identifying Number (SIN) be included in the UCI?
- What are the outcome indicators from CalOMS?
- Will treatment providers that contract directly with ADP and operate in multiple counties submit data from each county or from a central location?

To suggest a topic for a FAQ, email ADP at CalOMSHelp@adp.state.ca.us.

ADP Fact Sheets on CalOMS

ADP also posts Fact Sheets on topics related to the CalOMS project at <http://www.adp.ca.gov/CalOMS/CalOMSmmain.shtml>. Currently Fact Sheets include the following topics:

- California Outcomes Measurement System (CalOMS);
- California Treatment Outcome Project (CalTOP);
- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA);
- System of Care Redesign (SOCR); and
- CalOMS Data Collection and Automation

New Questions and Answers

ADP is working to address the following questions and issues related to the CalOMS project:

- Federal Performance Partnership Grants (PPGs) FACT sheet.

Implementation Workgroup

You can identify the members of the full implementation workgroup at <http://www.adp.ca.gov/CalOMS/Workgroup.shtml>. This link also provides you with access to the minutes of implementation workgroup meetings and the full and subgroup

meeting calendar. The implementation workgroup is scheduled to complete recommendations on the CalOMS scope requirements and timeline by June 30, 2004. ADP is scheduled to update CalOMS requirements by July 31, 2004.

Implementation Workgroup – Treatment Subgroup

The treatment subgroup of the implementation workgroup is in the process of identifying outcome questions to recommend to ADP which include and augment the federal PPG requirements. After delineated proposed outcome questions, the Treatment Subgroup is scheduled to look at issues related to client follow-up (approach and timing, for example)

Implementation Workgroup – Prevention Subgroup

The prevention subgroup of the implementation workgroup is identifying and understanding shared views regarding prevention outcomes measurement. The subgroup is focusing on the following items:

1. Defining the prevention outcomes measurement vision for the next 5+ years;
2. Defining the prevention outcomes measurement goals for the next 1-2 years;
3. Determining the prevention outcomes measures for which data is collected;
4. Identifying high level county and provider system needs for prevention outcomes data collection; and
5. Identifying high level county and provider concerns and constraints related to prevention outcomes data collection.

If you have suggestions or need additional information about the implementation workgroup, email ADP at CalOMSHelp@adp.state.ca.us. If you have issues or concerns regarding CalOMS that you want the implementation workgroup to address, contact a workgroup member directly via telephone or email or email ADP at CalOMSHelp@adp.state.ca.us.

CalOMS Schedule:

The OMP Implementation Workgroup is scheduled to make their final decisions about CalOMS scope, requirements and implementation timeline as of June 30, 2004. ADP is planning to update CalOMS requirements by July 31, 2004. After the scope, requirements and implementation timeline have been established, ADP will develop a revised project timeline for CalOMS.

ADP has received verbal information from the federal government indicating that federal PPG requirements will be voluntary to the States until October, 2006 (FFY 2007). ADP is planning to continue to develop CalOMS to meet California's need for outcomes information.

Field Readiness:

The Field Readiness Team held five conference calls/meetings with interested counties and direct providers on the toolkit items developed (<http://www.adp.ca.gov/CalOMS/Toolkit.shtml>) in response to requests received via the field readiness survey.

The team is now focused on the final phase of the Field Readiness Project. The final phase of the project originally focused on working with counties and direct providers to create individualized implementation plans for CalOMS. However, ADP has begun to re-evaluate CalOMS requirements and implementation time frames in response to



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feedback from county and direct providers (received via the field readiness assessment surveys and other direct contact). Counties and direct providers expressed strong concern about their ability to successfully implement the full set of CalOMS requirements by October 2004. In response to this concern, ADP established the implementation workgroup.

Since the CalOMS requirements are under review, ADP and the Field Readiness consultants were concerned about the value of creating individual implementation plans for counties and direct providers to use in establishing outcomes measurement at the local level. The team decided to solicit feedback from four counties to determine if the Field Readiness Project should proceed with the individual plans. The team received feedback from four counties for the implementation planning effort. Each of the four counties was reluctant to participate in CalOMS implementation planning for a variety of reasons.

In light of ADP's re-evaluation of CalOMS requirements and timetable through the implementation work group and the reluctance of the pilot counties to participate in implementation planning, ADP has decided that the remainder of the Field Readiness project focuses on strategies to address the counties' primary CalOMS implementation concerns:

- Funding;
- Communication and Collaboration; and
- Automation

Future newsletter articles will update you on field readiness activities in each of these areas.

Please send input on Field Readiness or this newsletter to Robin Madsen at rmadsen@adp.state.ca.us.